

# *The Heterodyne*

*Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association*

## **September Virtual Meeting**

***WVARA and the California  
QSO Party (CQP)  
by Dean Wood, N6DE***

***Wednesday, September 9  
Meeting Starts at 7pm  
Visitors Are Welcome!***

***Virtual Meeting via Zoom,  
See Zoom Instructions on Page 3***

***Due to the coronavirus, there will not  
be a meeting at American Red Cross.***

### **WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)**

| Band        | Frequency   | PL       |
|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 6 Meters    | 52.580- MHz | 151.4 Hz |
| 2 Meters    | 147.39+ MHz | 151.4 Hz |
| 1.25 Meters | 223.96- MHz | 156.7 Hz |
| 0.70 Meter  | 441.35+ MHz | 88.5 Hz  |
| 0.23 Meter  | 1286.2- MHz | 100 Hz   |

### **Club Net**

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at [www.wvara.org/net.html](http://www.wvara.org/net.html).



Dean Wood (N6DE)

## **WVARA and the California QSO Party (CQP) by Dean Wood, N6DE**

At this month's meeting, Dean Wood (N6DE) will give a virtual presentation on opportunities for WVARA members to get involved in this year's California QSO Party in early October.

- WVARA's history in CQP
- Five ways that WVARA members can have fun in CQP 2020
- Suggested WVARA game plan for CQP 2020, which occurs the first weekend of October.

Dean works as a hardware design engineer for networking companies in Silicon Valley. Dean's involvement with WVARA spans two decades, with responsibilities including past WVARA President, Vice President, Secretary, Board Member, Field Day Coordinator, Flea Market helper, meeting presenter, and other things I've forgotten. Dean's involvement with CQP includes:

- Participated in his first CQP in 1995 as a college student
- Current member of CQP organizing team and CQP County Coordinator
- Current holder of 15 CQP records: 12 county records and 3 overall CA records (Top CA S/O Expedition, Top CA S/O-Assisted Low Power, Top CA School)
- Been on 14 county expeditions to 10 different counties
- Long time active helper behind the scenes in CQP, including log checker, publicity coordinator and several other things

Looking forward to seeing you at our virtual meeting.

Jim, K6EI  
WVARA Vice President

### ***Join Zoom Meeting***

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252301029?pwd=cG0vNDZGS1J2NzJlZXZ2VUY2S1l4Zz09>**

**Meeting ID: 832 5230 1029**

**Password: w6piy**

***For Dial-in:***

**+1 669 900 6833**

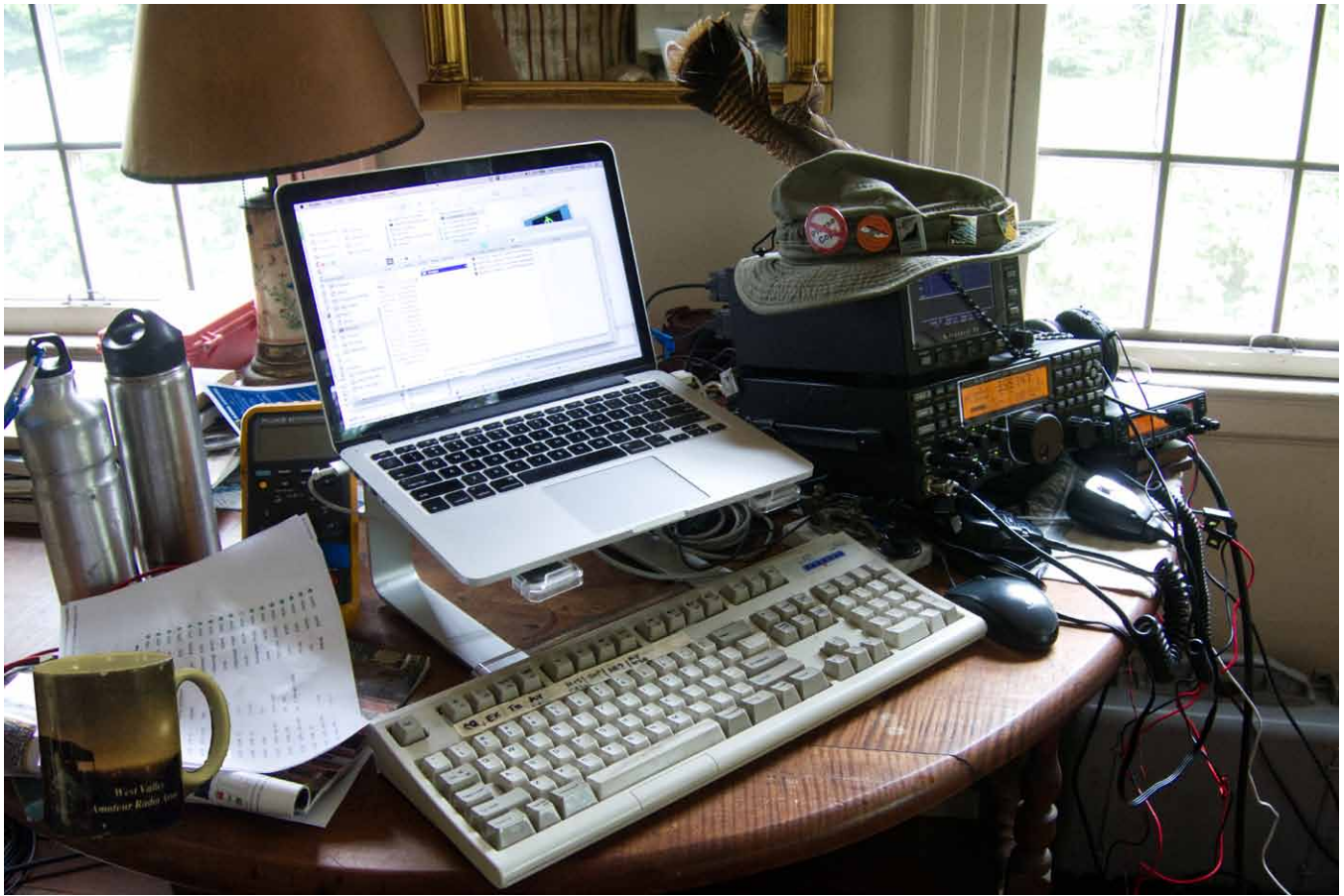
**Dial-in Audio Password: 028366**

***Zoom Help Center - Joining a Meeting:***

**<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->**

***New Members***  
***The following new members***  
***joined WVARA recently:***  
**Roman Zhirin, K6RZA**  
**Dick Raley, KX6B**  
**Ben Deovlet, W6FDU**  
**Pat Corso, W6PGC**  
***Welcome!!!***

| <b>WVARA Net Check-Ins (W6PIY)</b> |             |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Tuesdays at 8:30 PM</b>         |             |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Call Sign</b>                   | <b>Name</b> | <b>08/04/20</b> | <b>08/11/20</b> | <b>08/18/20</b> | <b>08/25/20</b> | <b>09/01/20</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                       |             | <b>18</b>       | <b>17</b>       | <b>19</b>       | <b>22</b>       | <b>20</b>       |
| AA6RB                              | Roy         | X               | X               | X               | X               |                 |
| AB6XS                              | Kevin       | X               | X               | X               |                 |                 |
| AF6AE                              | Bill        | X               |                 | X               | X               | X               |
| AI6NT                              | Henry       |                 |                 |                 | X               | X               |
| K6ACE                              | Larry       |                 |                 |                 | X               |                 |
| K6EI                               | Jim         |                 | X               | X               | X               |                 |
| K6QFO                              | Mike        | X               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| K6RZA                              | Roman       |                 |                 |                 | X               | X               |
| KA3HFS                             | Thadius     |                 |                 | X               |                 |                 |
| KC6ZKT                             | Steve       | X               |                 | X               | X               | X               |
| KC7XE                              | Stan        | X               |                 | X               |                 |                 |
| KD6WJV                             | Larry       |                 | X               |                 |                 |                 |
| KF6EMB                             | Svend       | X               | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| KJ6CW                              | Jim         |                 |                 |                 | X               | X               |
| KK6GXH                             | David       |                 |                 | X               |                 | X               |
| KK6HPF                             | Ross        | X               | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| KK6VF                              | Kevin       | NET             | NET             | NET             | NET             | NET             |
| KM6CLI                             | Greg        | X               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| KN6KHV                             | Scott       |                 |                 |                 | X               | X               |
| KX6B                               | Dick        | X               |                 | X               | X               | X               |
| N6BTU                              | Wayne       | X               | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| N6FYR                              | Matt        |                 |                 |                 |                 | X               |
| W6BG                               | Max         |                 | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| W6ESL                              | Tom         | X               | X               | X               | X               |                 |
| W6IA                               | Mark        | X               | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| W6MNL                              | Steve       |                 | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| W6PK                               | Phil        | X               | X               |                 | X               | X               |
| W8RJL                              | Ron         | X               | X               | X               |                 | X               |
| WB6JHI                             | Steve       | X               | X               |                 | X               |                 |
| WB6KHP                             | Dave        | X               | X               | X               | X               | X               |
| WD9DD                              | Russ        |                 |                 |                 | X               |                 |
| WR6Z                               | Dave        |                 | X               |                 |                 | X               |



Bill AE6JV's Field Day Station in New Hampshire

## Silent Keys

With great sadness we report the passing of WVARA members Bill Ashby, AA6FC (previously N6FFC) and Greg DesBrisay, N6GD. Our deepest condolences to their families.

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